

Rule Proposal Notice

Spills Program

August 2012

Oil Spill Contingency Plan Rule

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to, Chapter 173-182 WAC, Oil Spill Contingency Plan. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on September 5, 2012.

The purpose of this rule proposal is to:

- Update state oil spill preparedness planning standards to incorporate best achievable protection and best available technology.
- Improve the state's current vessels of opportunity system.
- Establish a volunteer coordination system.
- Require joint large-scale equipment deployment drills from tank vessels.
- Improve the state-required notification process to include potential spill threats as well as actual spills.
- Change contingency plan requirements for nonprofit "umbrella" organizations.
- Update definitions.
- Make other changes related to oil spill contingency plans and Ecology's contingency plan review and approval process.

Ecology issued a:

- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS).
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses.

These documents and the proposed rule language are available for review at

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173182/1106.html>.

Further information on the proposed rule is also available at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/1106.html>.

Submit your comments

Comment period ends 5:00 PM October 4, 2012.

You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at public hearings.
2. Testify via webinar by phone at the public hearing in Marysville.
3. Email your comments to: spillsrulemaking@ecy.wa.gov

Public hearing schedule

FIRST HEARING:

September 25, 2012

Holiday Inn Express

Skykomish Room

8606 36th Avenue NE

Marysville, WA

6:00 PM Presentation and

Q&A followed by public

hearing. Webinar

Information and instructions at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/community_outreach/sp_pr_webinar.html

SECOND HEARING:

September 27, 2012

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation

Marshall Community Center
Elm Room

1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.
Vancouver, WA

3:00 PM Presentation and
Q & A followed by formal
public hearing

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Special accommodations:

If you need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call the Spills Program at (360)407-7211

Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

4. Mail comments to:
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5. Fax your comments to: 360-407-7288

How to comment by webinar during the September 25 hearing in Marysville

Webinar: Ecology is also offering this hearing via webinar. Webinars are an online meeting forum that you can attend from any computer using internet access. For more information, go to http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/community_outreach/sppr_webinar.html

Comments: Ecology will accept formal comments in person at the Marysville location and through the webinar via phone at 800-704-9804 / participant code (88955236#).

To join the webinar click on the following link for more information and instructions:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/community_outreach/sppr_webinar.html

Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than December 14, 2012.

More information

Information about the Ecology spills program can be found at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/spills.html>.

The Ecology spills program listserve is used to update interested parties on the rule update effort and the rule implementation. To register as an interested party with the spills program and receive information on rule adoption, implementation, and public comment and review periods please join our listserve at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SPILLS-PROGRAM>.

